

REMARKS

Claims 6-54 and 56-57 are pending in the subject application with entry of this paper.

Applicant acknowledges the indicated allowability of Claims 6-54 and 56-57.

Please cancel Claims 1-5 and 55 without prejudice.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

At paragraph 2, spanning pages 2-3 of the Action, the Office improperly rejected Claims 1-5 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Webber or Latham. While Applicant disagrees with the merits of the rejection, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-5 and 55 without prejudice to further prosecution of the subject application and allow Claims 6-54 and 56-57 to issue as a United States Patent. Such a cancellation should not be construed as an acquiescence to the rejection or be inferred as an agreement with the Office's assertions as to the alleged teachings of the references of record. Applicant intends upon pursuing the protection afforded by Claims 1-5 and 55 in a continuation application.

Applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Office issue a Notice of Allowance.

Conclusion

Claims 6-54 and 56-57 are pending and have been identified by the Examiner as allowable. Thus, Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and, as such, it is requested that Claims 6-54 and 56-57 be allowed to issue in a U.S. Patent.

If the Examiner believes that an in-person or telephonic interview with the Applicant's representatives will expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agents of record.

Should any additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of the same, such a petition is made and the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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